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### **UM STUDENTS LAND COVETED JOURNALISM INTERNSHIPS**

#### **MISSOULA —**

Five University of Montana journalism students have earned prestigious Dow Jones Newspaper Fund internships for this coming summer. Four of the students will work as copy editors, and one will work for a real-time financial newswire.

All told, 126 interns from across the nation will participate in this year's Dow Jones Newspaper Fund programs. The students will train at various universities before joining the staffs at top newspapers and news services across the United States.

Journalism Associate Professor Dennis Swibold said UM has never had five Dow Jones internships at once in the seven years he has monitored the program.

"I think it really speaks well for our school," Swibold said. "There are a lot of bigger journalism schools out there, but we are still well represented. Our students took a real stiff editing test to get these internships."

The UM interns are:

■ Kyle Gearhart, a graduate student from **Minneapolis**, who will work for Dow Jones Newswires.

■ Jason Mohr, a graduate student from **Canon City, Colo.**, who will work as a copy editor for Ohio's Columbus Dispatch.

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■ Gregory Girard, a graduate student from **Missoula**, who will edit copy for The Free Press of Mankato, Minn.

■ Erik Olson, a senior from **Laurel**, who will be a copy editor at the Arizona Daily Star.

■ Lisa Williams, a senior from **Baker**, who will work as a copy editor for The Tennessean in Nashville.

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